IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:)	Chapter 11
HONX, INC., ¹)	Case No. 22-90035 (MI)
	Debtor.)))	

DEBTOR'S RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF THE OFFICIAL UNSECURED CREDITORS COMMITTEE (ECF NO. 634)

The Debtor, by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby submits the following Response to the Notice filed by the Official Unsecured Creditors Committee (the "UCC") on January 20, 2023, (the "UCC Notice") in order to provide additional information on the status of discovery. As such, the Debtor puts forth the record and responds as follows:

- 1. In the ten days since the Court directed the production of documents on January 13, 2023, the Debtor has still not received any documents from the UCC or Burns Charest. When the Debtor requested a timeframe for compliance with the Court's ruling, the UCC and Burns Charest requested additional meet-and-confers. *See* January 17, 2023 Email from John Higgins (attached hereto as Exhibit A). The Debtor understands that the UCC intends to produce documents today.
- 2. The UCC disclosed during a meet-and-confer that it will produce approximately 1,400 documents from Burns Charest on Monday, January 23, 2023. According to the UCC, the documents from Burns Charest constitute the only non-privileged documents in possession, custody, or control at this time, apart from documents already produced in connection with the mediation.

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¹ The Debtor in this chapter 11 case, along with the last four digits of the Debtor's federal tax identification number, is HONX, Inc. (2163). The location of the Debtor's service address in this chapter 11 case is: 1501 McKinney Street, Houston, Texas, 77010

- 3. Burns Charest stated that it would produce documents by the end of this week (by Friday, January 27, 2023). Notably, Burns Charest disclosed during the meet-and-confer that it has not yet contacted all of its clients for documents within the possession, custody, or control of claimants or potential claimants. Burns Charest could give no anticipated timeframe for the production of these documents.
- 4. In addition to document issues, there is a present dispute concerning the availability of UCC members for depositions, and whether the Debtor may inquire into issues concerning the UCC. The Debtor is filing a motion to compel for the Court's resolution concerning the deposition of UCC member Glaston Quashie, which is currently noticed for February 3, 2023, in Miami, Florida.
- 5. The Debtor will continue to seek responses to its discovery requests and will continue to attempt to work with the UCC and Burns Charest to ensure that it receives timely responses.

Houston, TX January 23, 2023

/s/ Matthew D. Cavenaugh

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Certificate of Service

I certify that on January 23, 2023, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

/s/ Matthew D. Cavenaugh
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Exhibit A

From: <u>Higgins, John F.</u>
To: <u>Williams, Michael F.</u>

Cc: Porter, Katherine; Nary, Charles S.; Zieg, Sharon; Brimmage, Marty; Mulvihill, Joseph (External); Preis, Arik;

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Subject: Re: HONX - document productions

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 11:26:14 PM

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Be cautious, particularly with links and attachments.

No it was my understanding that we were trying to schedule a meet and confer.

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On Jan 17, 2023, at 10:16 PM, Williams, Michael F. <mwilliams@kirkland.com> wrote:

John — Yes. The Kirkland & Ellis distribution list is a recipient.

Are you able to answer our questions on behalf of Burns Charest?

Would appreciate receiving a response. Thank you.

Michael F. Williams, P.C.

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On Jan 17, 2023, at 11:05 PM, Higgins, John F. < JHiggins@porterhedges.com > wrote:

Is Chris on this chain? John F. Higgins Porter Hedges LLP 1000 Main St., 36th Floor Houston, Tx. 77002 jhiggins@ porterhedges. com (713) 226-6648 office (713) 226-6628 fax On Jan 17, 2023, at 10: 02 PM, Williams, Michael F. <mwilliams@ kirkland. com>

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On Jan 17, 2023, at 10:02 PM, Williams, Michael F. <mwilliams@kirkland.com> wrote:

Katherine — I received your letter, but it does not answer our questions. Your letter indicates that the UCC is making documents that were produced in the mediation available for the Debtor's use in the estimation proceedings, subject to new conditions that were not authorized by the Court and subject to various new objections. Your letter does not address any documents that the UCC had not previously made available in the data site during mediation. If I am incorrect about that, then please advise.

Does your letter address all of the documents that the UCC and Burns Charest intend to produce responsive to our Third and Fourth Requests for Production, or should we expect an additional production of documents? Please advise as soon as possible and also advise when we can expect to receive any additional documents. Thank you.

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On Jan 17, 2023, at 10:47 PM, Porter, Katherine < kporter@akingump.com > wrote:

Hi Mike – I sent you a letter earlier tonight. Best regards, Katherine Porter AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP Direct: +1 212. 872. 7467 | Internal: 37467 From: Williams, Michael F. <mwilliams@kirkland.com> Sent: Tuesday, January Hi Mike – I sent you a letter earlier tonight. Best regards,

Katherine Porter

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Could somebody please answer my question.

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On Jan 17, 2023, at 10:01 AM, Williams, Michael F.

<mwilliams@kirkland.com<mailto:mwilliams@kirkland.com>> wrote:

Please advise when we can expect to receive the document productions from the UCC and Burns Charest. Thank you.

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